

Fourth, the survival of the Jewish people as a religious group is a sacred and urgent obligation. The Jewish people have a mission to humankind, a mission ordained of God and proclaimed by the prophets of ancient Israel. This mission requires that the people born in, or adopted into, the Covenant of Abraham must persuade humankind through teaching and example that the One and Only God can be worshiped in holiness only as His children serve each other in love. To acknowledge God's unity requires obedience to, and reverence for, His ethical mandates and moral imperatives. The mission of Israel will not have been fulfilled until righteousness and peace prevail everywhere for everyone. Until that great messianic fulfillment, the Jewish people must survive as a "kingdom of priests" dedicated to the service of God and humanity.

These were the principles of faith proclaimed by the founders of Congregation Emanu-El in 1845; they remain the principles to which this generation of Temple Emanu-El constantly rededicates itself.

The story of Temple Emanu-El is the history of successful Americanization. From 1845 to the present the members of the Congregation have authorized a new chapter in the chronicle of Jewish creative adaptation. Their lives have served as an enviable model of what the Jew could strive to become, and continue to be, in the United States.●

#### BOB SAMPSON TURNS 70

● Mr. SIMON. Mr. President, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate my friend Robert Sampson, of Arlington Heights, IL, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, Saturday, March 4. He is a truly remarkable person, whom I admire and respect.

Bob Sampson has been an inspiration to many Americans. He has muscular dystrophy, which has caused him to be in a wheelchair since he was 9 years old. He lost his college scholarship when the school he was to attend found out he was disabled. Undaunted, he went on to college and law school and became a successful attorney for the city of Chicago. He then joined United Airlines, where he rose to be a senior vice president.

As a successful member of the business community, Bob could have chosen to stay out of the struggles surrounding disability issues. Instead, he has been unselfish in his drive to help other people with disabilities gain access to buildings and equal employment opportunities. He was one of President Carter's first appointments to the U.S. Architectural Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, after having served as the Vice Chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. A long-term member of the board of directors of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Jerry Lewis' "big kid," he has told his personal story to millions of people to raise money to find a cure for muscular dystrophy. He has never forgotten his roots.

Bob Sampson has been a role model for all of us, teaching that disability is not inability. I join his wife Jean, his children—Patty, Rob, and Kathy—his grandchildren, and his many friends in

wishing him a very happy birthday, and many more.●

#### TRIBUTE TO VENICE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

● Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to commend a group of young people from Venice High School for honoring our veterans. On November 11, 1994, the Venice Area Veterans Council presented a special salute to Korea veterans during a Veterans Day ceremony. The Venice High School Band, under the direction of John Lapato, performed the "Korea Veterans March" composed by Charles Gabriele. Marilyn Sexton was the vocalist. The band included Renee Arata, Mary Baker, Katy Banks, Leeann Bennett, Heather Bibbee, Jennifer Britton, Colleen Buckley, Joshua Burgett, Buddy Corbin, Amanda Coronado, Neejay Cowan, Kevin Crissman, J.B. Dewitt, Erika Fauser, Kelly Feldhouse, Natalie Fleming, Robert Fuller, Kevin Gifford, Brook Greene, John Greenwald, Chris Haines, Eric Hill, Shane Hobbs, Loyom Khan, Aimee Kervin, Stephanie Klinge, Christina Magero, Renee McGoogan, Tim Milligan, Scott Moudy, Emile Paradiso, Ryan Persky, Jeanne Piehl, Michelle Poirier, Chris Ryon, Eric Ryon, Kelly Shetterly, C. Siller, Laura Suffoletto, Grady Smith, James Taylor, Cortnie Thornberger, Melissa Thorley, and Debby Whisler.

I applaud these young Americans for honoring our Korea veterans with their time and talents. It was a memorable event for all those involved.●

#### THE TOP QUARK

● Mr. SIMON. Mr. President, last May scientists at Fermi Laboratory in Batavia, IL found the first direct evidence of the top quark, the sixth and last component of a standard model of matter that explains the relationships between subatomic particles. This week, teams at Fermi Laboratory announced that they have confirmed evidence of the particle, leaving no doubt about its existence.

I want to congratulate them on their accomplishment. And, I want to add that basic science research in this country, like that which goes on at Fermi Laboratory in Illinois, Brookhaven in New York, and Stanford in California, contributes greatly to our understanding of basic science and provides vision and hope to thousands of curious students and researchers who are pursuing a future in the sciences.

The President in his fiscal year 1996 budget proposed adding \$100 million above the 1995 level to enhance the work going on at our major DOE-operated basic research facilities. I support this initiative. The United States currently leads the world in particle physics research. Without a continued investment in our DOE laboratories, our scientists will find themselves unin-

volved and disadvantaged in what's becoming a worldwide community of basic science research.

For nearly a decade, the superconductor super collider was the centerpiece of the Nation's basic science program. While I fully supported the project and opposed its termination, the project's expense sacrificed valuable resources going to other worthy laboratories, like Fermi lab in Illinois. With the cancellation of the SSC, we gutted our high-energy physics research budget and threatened to send a message to the world that we no longer were willing to invest in high energy physics research.

We now have the opportunity to make effective use of our current facilities and to remain important contributors to a world-wide effort. With the leadership of Senator BENNETT JOHNSTON and President Clinton, we are once again investing in the research capabilities at Fermi lab and other leading laboratories, and as evidenced by the recent discovery of the top quark, we continue to be world leaders in this area.

The United States has tremendous potential to lead the way in scientific research in the next decade, but only with sufficient funding. I applaud the President for his leadership in this important area.●

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, I am proceeding with the Executive Calendar. It goes without saying that what I am about to refer to has been cleared with the other side.

As in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of the following nominations on the Executive Calendar en bloc: Calendar Nos. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30. I believe they are all Department of State nominations.

Further, Mr. President, I ask that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc; that any statements relating to the nominations appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Johnnie Carson, Of Illinois, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Zimbabwe.

Herman E. Gallegos, of California, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Forty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Lee C. Howley, of Ohio, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the